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**Fredericksburg Police Department
Towing and Recovery Advisory Board Meeting**

August 20, 2010

Attendees: Officer Jamie Walker, Fredericksburg Police Department
Bill Britt, Board Member
Ashby Powell, Board Member
Cary Coleman, Tow Company Owner
Paul Stevens, Coleman's Towing
Representatives from Northstar Towing
Michelle Atkinson, Atkinson's Towing

Officer Walker opened meeting at 1304 hours.

The reading of the minutes was waived by the board.

Paul Stevens of Coleman's Towing expressed his concern of the cost of putting up a fence their property. He would like to install surveillance cameras as an alternative.

Officer Walker read the section of the tow ordinance pertaining to "secured lot". All were in agreement that the section is very vague and the term "secured" is not well defined.

Mr. Britt explained several ways that he secures his car lots; none of which are fenced.

Officer Walker asked for a vote from the board allowing Coleman's to continue using his lot as it is now. The vote passed 3 to 1 with Officer Walker dissenting.

A vote was held on the motion to require member companies on the list to have one truck registered with DMV as being garaged in the City of Fredericksburg. A vote was held with the motion passing 3 to 1 with Officer Walker dissenting.

Mr. Stevens asked about heavy duty trucks. All agreed that if you are a heavy duty operator in the city one truck should be registered in the city.

Officer Walker explained that this will have to be presented to the city attorney and city council for the ordinance to be modified.

Mr. Stevens asked for the definition of tow lot and business and if they must have an actual building with a phone on the lot.

The board discussed "capping" the list. There are currently 10 tow companies on the list. At this time each company averages approximately 2 tows per month.

Officer Walker made a motion to cap the list at the current 10 companies. All members were in agreement.

Officer Walker updated the board on tow applications. The deadline had been extended to July 14 but there are still 4 companies that need to be completed. He is offering an extension to those companies stating that the process was taking much longer than anticipated.

Officer Walker asked if there were any issues with the new application. There were no responses.

Board members were in agreement that the following items will be presented to the city attorney and city council to be amended.

- o Secured lot will remain as written in the current ordinance
- o Will require one wrecker to be registered in the city
- o Capping the list at 10

Meeting was adjourned by Officer Walker at 1357 hours